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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Aschersleben, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Clear as far as undercast
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 Feb 44 Time 1230; and Location 51°50'N, 06°25'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () last sighted; () last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or () information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Ten to fifteen ME 109's attacked and shot down A/C No. 42-3087
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and Series B-17-F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3087
7. ENGINES: Type, model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW006160
(b) SW-006283; (c) 43-56160; (d) 42-78506
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	Pilot	Kew, William J.	2nd Lt	0-671960
2.	CO-Pilot	Nickle, Charles E.	2nd Lt	0-742008
3.	Navigator	O'Hara, Irvan G.	2nd Lt	0-671107
4.	Bombardier	Dow, Carleton F.	2nd Lt.	0-728960
5.	Radio Operator	Miles, Harold R.	T/Sgt.	35319107
6.	Top Turret	Ross, James W.	T/Sgt.	13113261
7.	Ball Turret	Baifd, Ralph E., Jr.	S/Sgt.	38182434
8.	Tail Gunner	Hopkins, James R.	S/Sgt.	15374149
9.	Right Flexible Gun	Lunceford, John W.	S/Sgt.	39611842
10.	Left Flexible Gun	Whipple, Charles T.	S/Sgt.	35343572

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
1. Outen, Charles Levi, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-742452			X			
2. Wood, Charles Stoddart	2nd Lt.	0-809794			X			
3.								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used 1; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 1 chute seen to emerge
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFECT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 22 February 1944

Incl 3

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

2466

Km 948

Feb. 23, 1944

Fortress

Baird, Ralph Edwin Jr., S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 38 182 434

Taken prisoner

Hopkins, James Russell, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 15-374 149

Taken prisoner

Junceford, John William, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 39 611 842

Taken prisoner

O'Hara, Irwan G., 2nd Lt. born July 19, 1926

Ident. Tag: 0-671 167

Taken prisoner

Whipple, Charles Thomas, S/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 35 343 572

Taken prisoner

Nicklett, Charles Edwin, 2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag: 0-742008

Taken prisoner

Miles, Harold Rustoff, T/Lt.

Ident. Tag: 135-319107

Taken prisoner

See K0948

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 87

This report is required by 1 Feb. - 25 February 1944
distributed to Army Information Center Berlin W 30

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Place and Time Air-
craft was downed
A Corps of an American
Fleet was found at
Hardthaus, near Guben
(Weiss)
at 25 Feb. 1944
at 18.00 o'clock

Location of Grave
North-Cemetery
(of Weiser)
Dinslaken
Section III
Grave No. 366

Same as above
Grave No. 366

Signs 00

Date of burial
28 February 1944
at 08.00

William J. O'Brien
AC
MIA } 22 Feb 44
KIA }

William J.

William J.

AC

MIA } 22 Feb 44
KIA }

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIRFIELD COMMAND

PLACE: DUESSELDORF

DATE: 23. February 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown

EN. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAMS)

ROSS

FIRST NAME:

JAMES W

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

13113261

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Will be notified

On the 23. February 1944 the dead body was trans-
ferred to the HOFDRIEDHOFF cemetery DUESSELDORF
On the 23. February the dead body was found
in WESSEL on the RHINE

WIA + KIA
27 01/10/44
Sgt.

MACR 2466

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **AIRFIELD COMMAND**

PLACE: **DUESSELDORF**

DATE: **15. MARCH 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown**

EM. LANDING: AT: WESEL ON THE RHEIN 22. February 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **DON OFFICER**

FIRST NAME: **CARLETON**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **G - 728 60 T 42 - 13**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **On 15. MARCH 44 he will be transferred to transit camp GERMUSEL**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **RESERVE HOSPITAL WESEL, SECTION: MUNICIPAL HOSP.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REMARKS: **On 22. February 1944 the injured aviator was sent to the reserve hospital WESEL, section: municipal hospital and on 14. MARCH 44 transferred to AIRFIELD COMMAND DUESSELDORF.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2466

Name of crew member: LUNCEFORD, John W.
Rank: S. Sgt.
Serial number: 39611842
Position: ~~Right Flexible Gun~~ Right Flexible Gun

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? To the best of my knowledge, about 20 miles from WESEL in Germany

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? See Below

Any heretofore information:

SGT. LUNCEFORD BAILED OUT AND WAS CAPTURED (UNINJURED) IMMEDIATELY. HE SPENT

THE DURATION IN A SGTS. CAMP IN MEMEL. I SAW HIM LAST AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE

IN FRANCE. HE IS AT HIS HOME NOW IN BIG TIMBER, MONTANA. I HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING

WITH HIM.

Source: If the above information is not sufficient, please let me know. I

believe there has been a mistake made somewhere

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Juan G. O'Hara

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible:

*By: Juan G. O'Hara
604 Oak St.
Bicknell, Indiana*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2466

Name of crew member: **ROSS, James W.**
Rank: **T. Sgt.**
Serial number: **131132641**
Position: **Top Turret**

I have every reason to believe that Sgt. Ross bailed out. I saw his body, his chute was with him and it had been opened. Of course, it is possible that he was blown out of the ship.

Where? To the best of my knowledge, about 20 miles from Wesel, Germany. I thought at the time it was North of Wesel, near a small barge canal.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A few minutes before the bail out order, I heard Sgt. Ross call to the Pilot and tell him that he was unable to see because of the smoke in his turret.

Was he injured? I did not examine the body closely but I could see that one of his legs was broken, and that he had been wounded in the back of his head.
I last saw his body at a jail near Dusseldorf.

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: The Germans told me that he would be buried in or near Dusseldorf. This particular jail was near an airport and appeared to be regularly used as a temporary detention point for allied airmen.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

He was definitely killed in action. I believe his chute did not fully open or that he was killed in some way while in descent.

According to a statement from the Bombardier, Sgt. Ross was right behind him in the cat-walk and seemed to be ok and able to go.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible:

Juan y. Alvaro

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2422

Name of crew member: Kew, William J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-571960
Position: ~~Crewman (Engineer) (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I do not know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The last I heard from Lt. Kew was the order to bail out.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None

I, and to the best of my knowledge, none of the surviving crew members ever knew what happened to Lt. Kew. The Germans, thorough as they are, never mentioned his fate to me or questioned me about him. I did not know of his fate for sure until I returned to the states.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Sgt. J. W. Lunceford the right waist gunner told me that he himself was the last man to leave the rear section of the ship. At the time he said the plane was in a steep dive. He was of the opinion that Lt. Kew was still at the controls and could not get out. He says he is sure that the ship blew up. He did not see it do so, but seen several pieces of it (notably a life raft) pass him as he was descending.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

Juan J. Alana

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2/66

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

LUNGEFORD John W.

S/Sgt

39611842

Right Flexible Gun

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

NEAR MUNSTER, GERMANY

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

Was he injured?

INJURY TO ANKLE WHEN LEAVING PLANE

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

THIS MAN WAS IN PRISON CAMP AND RETURNED
TO THE STATES IN JUNE OF 1945

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2406

Name of crew member: MOSS, James W.
Rank: 2. Sgt.
Serial number: 13113261
Position: ~~Crew Chief~~ Top Turret

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR MUNSTER, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? YES KILLED

Where was he when last seen? DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: THIRTEEN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2486

Name of crew member: KW, William J.
Rank: Sgt. 1st.
Serial number: O-872980
Position: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? LAST SEEN PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: FOURTEEN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WHIPPLE, CHARLES T. Rank 1/SGT Serial No. 33343522
2. Organization 387 Cq Commander SMITH, DALE Rank CO Sqn CO EPINK Rank CAPTAIN
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ASCHERJEBEN, GERMANY, target, AIRCRAFT PLANT, target time, _____, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? EIGHT OTHERS THAT I KNOW OF
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". HOPKINS BAILED OUT THROUGH TAIL HATCH, BAIRD, LUNSEFORD, MILES AND I BAILED OUT THROUGH WING DOOR. NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LT. KEW AND SGT. ROSS, ALL WERE IN PRISON CAMP, NAMELY LT. NICKLETT, LT. O'HARA, LT. DOW, SGT. MILES, LUNSEFORD, BAIRD AND HOPKINS
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2466

Name of crew member: LIVORNO, John W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 59011842
Position: Right Flexible Gun

Did he bail out? yes

Where? West Window

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike, France

Any hearsay information: after end of war. He was

P.O.W. throughout war.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 12

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2485

Name of crew member: ROSS, James W.
Rank: T. Sgt.
Serial number: 13113361
Position: ~~Executive Officer (Engineer)~~ Top Turret

Did he bail out? yes

Where? base Hatch

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: he was

just getting out of turret when I got out of seat

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Hauled to Dunseldorf (dead)

Any hearsay information: by 3 crew members J. G. O'Hara,

Linceford, Miles.

Source: J. G. O'Hara

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Holes in chute show killed either by anti-aircraft
or by Germans on ground

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~12~~ 13

Dates and destinations if possible: Feb 22, 1944 - Aschersleben,
Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2488

Name of crew member: 1st Lt. William J.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-57190
Position: ~~Observer (Bombardier) / Pilot~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was flying airplane after I left seat because of fire

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? in seat getting parachute on

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: might have been hit after rest bailed out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: Feb 22, Eschersleben, Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles E. Nicklett Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-272008
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Col. Dale A. Smith Rank Col Sqn CO Horace Frink Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1984 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Hochersleben, target time, 12:30, altitude, 26000 route scheduled, North through Hamm, route flown 15 miles to south
Holland
5. Where were you when you left formation? # 4 lead 5 idn
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, all but pilot
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Tail Gunner - tail hatch
Waite Gunners, ball turret, radio operator out waste hatch
Engineer, navigator, bombardier, co-pilot out nose hatch
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Münster
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) W. J. Keim
11. Where were they in aircraft? pilot's seat
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2466

Name of crew member: LUNSFORD, John V.
Rank: S. Sgt.
Serial number: 39611842
Position: ~~Member of the crew of the aircraft~~ Right Flexible Gun

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

*This man is alive and was
returned to the States in June of 1945. He was
captured the same day that we were shot
down.*

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2486

Name of crew member: ROSS, James W.
Rank: T. Sgt.
Serial number: 131132641
Position: ~~MARK (BOMBARD) CANNON (RIGHT)~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

NEAR MUNSTER, GERMANY

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST SEENWINDING UP BOMBAY DOORS WHICH STUCK WHEN GAS TANK WAS
DROPPED IN ENGLISH CHANNELWas he injured? KILLED BAILING OUT OF AIRCRAFT

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: JOHN LUNGEFORD, RALPH BAIRD AND JAMES HOPKINS
CARRIED ROSS TO DUSSELDORFF, GERMANY I BELIEVE, WHERE
HE WAS BURIED NEAR AN AIRFIELD.

Source:

THE ABOVE CREW MEMBERS MENTIONED

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2486

Name of crew member: KEV, William J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-671960
Position: ~~Supervisor (Pilot)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BEFORE
TAKEOFF THAT MORNING AND OVER INTERPHONE ON MISSION

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN AIRCRAFT

Any hearsay information: HIS BODY WAS REPORTED FOUND NEAR
MUNSTER GERMANY. THIS INFORMATION WAS SENT TO
HIS WIFE.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE
THE ^{PLANE} BLEW UP WHILE IN A SPIN BEFORE HE COULD GET
OUT. HE STAYED WITH THE CONTROLS SO THE REST OF US
COULD GET OUT OF THE PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

PPA-8 (22)

1. Your name MANSOUR, HARRY Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-1691614
2. Organization 460 B.G. Gp Commander HARRISON Rank Col. Sqn CO MAJ. SPURS Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Demo., target, KINNOCH, target time, 10.30, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, From Italy to target., route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Only two members besides myself as far as I know left the ship over target at about 1030
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near the town of MANNING
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Unknown.
The only one I'm sure of was the Pilot.
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge - The Pilot was in seat.
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge - The Pilot was O.K.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Just before takeoff - I saw the pilot during the whole mission.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HAROLD R. MILES Rank 1/SGT. Serial No. 35319107
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander Col. SMITH Rank Col. Sqn CO FRANK Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13TH, target, GERMANY, target time, 12:01 PM, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown NO KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? FIFTH POSITION
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". RALPH BAIRD; BAILED OUT LEFT WAIST WINDOW. JAMES HOPKINS; BAILED OUT OF TAIL ESCAPE DOOR. JOHN LUNCEFORD & TOM WHIPPLE BAILED OUT OF WAIST DOOR. IVAN ONARA, CARLTON DOW AND CHARLES NICKLET BAILED OUT OF NOSE ESCAPE DOOR. ROSS BAILED OUT OF NOSE ESCAPE DOOR
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR MUNSTER, GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT. WILLIAM KEW
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT'S COMPARTMENT
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back) 9-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

LUNGEFORD John W.

Rank:

S/Egt

Serial number:

39611842

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on B-29 Superfortress~~

Right Flexible Gun

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

Near-Munster Germany

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: talked to him over inter phone during flightWas he injured? yes, one knee badly wrenchedWhere was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike - France

Any hearsay information: He made remark to me while together in France, that he thought he would go to British Isles before going home. He was p.w. with me + liberated at the same time. We were in C.O.S. waiting shipment home as RAMPS.

Source: John Lungeford - James Hopkins

Any explanation of his fate based ~~in part~~ wholly on supposition: He knew people in Kettering, England. It's just possible he went there.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11(?)

Dates and destinations if possible; not sure - he missed two of missions which we made.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2436

Name of crew member: ROSS, James V.
Rank: P. Sgt.
Serial number: 13113261
Position: ~~Communications Officer~~ Top Turret

Did he bail out? He either bailed out or was blown out.

Where? near Munster Germany

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter phone conversation during flight.

Was he injured? He was killed.

Where was he when last seen? Somewhere in the region of Dusseldorf.

~~Any other~~ information: Myself + others carried his body all of the afternoon + evening of Feb. 22. About 22:00 that day he was placed in a rough box + that is the last we saw of him. The refused to tell us what they intended to do with his body.

Source: James Hopkins

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: One guard theorized: he would be put in a mass grave.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: same as mine

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2466

Name of crew member: EDV, William J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-571960
Position: ~~COPILOT~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Co-pilot said, "he was blinded by fire".

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He gave original bail out order.

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? Just before take-off

~~Additional~~ information: fire in nose of plane blinded him. He gave strict bail out orders saying, "he would fly 'til we were out then jump. Craft blew to pieces soon after I left. There isn't much doubt that he went with it.

Source: _____

James R. Hopkins

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~14~~ 15

Dates and destinations if possible: 13 were same as mine & two others unknown.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James R. Hopkins Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 15374149
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander (?) Smith Rank C1. Sqn CO _____ Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1942 month February day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? near Munster Germany
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? seven others did + were all seen alive by me.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Dow, Lt. - thru nose hatch when plane started down. O'Hara, Lt. - same. Miles, T/Sgt. main escape door same time. Lunceford, same. Baird, S/Sgt thru waist window same time. Nicklett, Lt. thru nose same time. Whipple, S/Sgt also thru main hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? (?)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) (?)
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All crew members except Kew, Ross, + Lunceford were seen in United States.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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I) 2 IDENTIFICATION TAG

WILLIAM J K E W

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II) 1 IDENTIFICATION TAG

DANIEL GABRIEL

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIRFIELD COMMAND

PLACE: DUESSELDORF

DATE: 23. February 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: unknown

EN. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

ROSS

Sgt.

FIRST NAME:

JAMES W

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

1311261

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

On the 23. February 1944 the dead body was trans-
ferred to the NORDFRANKENHOF cemetery DUESSELDORF
On the 23. February the dead body was found
in WHEEL on the RUHR

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Will be notified

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **AIRFIELD COMMAND**PLACE: **DUESSELDORF**DATE: **15. MARCH 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown****EM. LANDING: AT WESEL ON THE RHEIN 22. February 1944**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **D. W. OFFICER**FIRST NAME: **CARLETON**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 728 60 T 42 - 43**RESULTS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **On 15. MARCH 44 he will be transferred to transit camp OBERURSEL**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **RESERVE HOSPITAL WESEL, SECTION: MUNICIPAL HOSP.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REMARKS: On 22. February 1944 the injured aviator was sent to the reserve hospital WESEL, section: municipal hospital and on 14. MARCH 44 transferred to AIRFIELD COMMAND DUESSELDORF.

